

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Two Thoughts For  
Christmas

It is a pity that Christmas, of all times in the year, is the occasion for lament as well as goodwill. And what is lamentable, of course, is the high cost of the seasonal obligations. Recently we had occasion to deplore the increased tax burden on dinks. Alas, it does not stop there as the compradores' price lists for the Christmas fare clearly demonstrate. And year by year the conviction grows stronger that the season is becoming a glorious banquet for shopkeepers financed by non-stop handouts from the family man.

This is not said cynically or bitterly. It may be regrettable but it has come to be accepted in this age as an essential accompaniment to Christmas celebrations. But a point we made a year ago almost to this very day was that Hongkong industry might help to lighten the family burden in one direction by greater concentration on toys—well-made, attractive and above all at prices cheaper than the imported product. And to those who have bothered to search, or to visit the CMU exhibition, there is cause for much agreeable surprise at the wide variety of excellent Hongkong made toys on sale.

CHIEFLY these are to be found in the range of plastic or wooden toys—but they are not to be confused with Japanese made goods which have appeared on the local market this year in staggering quantities. If there is any doubt about this assertion a walk down Wanchai, Nathan Road or Queen's Road West will readily confirm the extent of these imports.

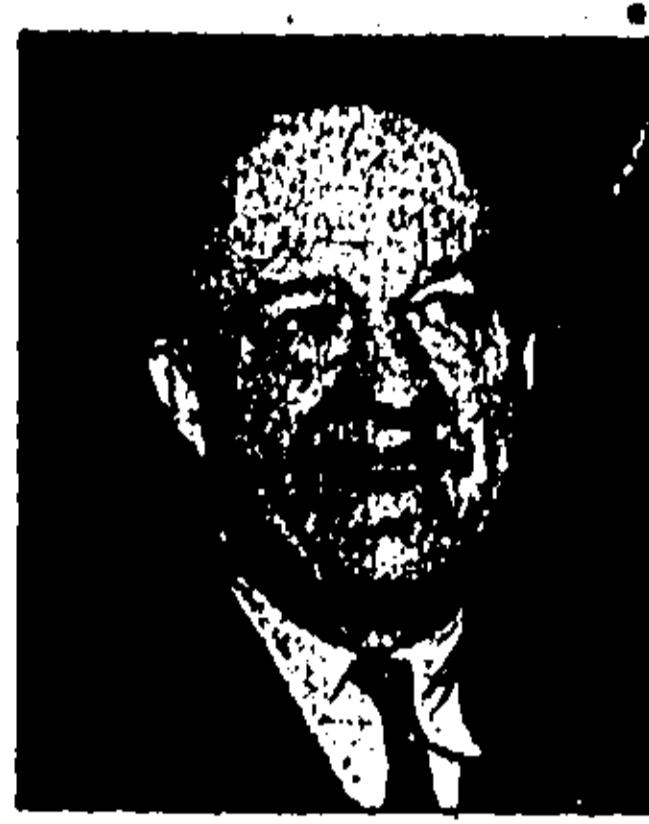
Among a number of good Hongkong toys are various kinds of games, constructive puzzles, cars, ships, lead soldiers and a heartening array of "build-it-yourself" articles. They are in many cases less than half the price of similar imported toys. And the quality is good, the paint bright and ingenuity of many quite pleasing. One may regret that wooden swords have sharp tips (when they could easily have been blunted to avoid injury) and that some of the "copies" appear to be shabby imitations of similar British or German toys. But on the whole the Hongkong industry has done well this year.

THERE is a point to be made about "copies". Inevitably, toys follow fashions dictated by fastidious children—as much as furs or jewellery or dresses follow the tastes of their equally fastidious mothers. To that extent, "copies" are unavoidable. In other categories, however, imitation should be discouraged and it would be advisable if Hongkong manufacturers avoided provoking fresh wrath overseas by duplicating their well-known and well-established products.

The good news for parents this year, then, is that the Christmas budget can be lightened as far as this expensive item is concerned. But may we also suggest how the saying can be properly utilised and at the same time the season made very much more worthwhile? For many in Hongkong there will not only be no happy Christmas but also a pretty grim prospect for the New Year. Other children than our own need presents, need friendship, need help. Other adults, too, will be much happier Christmas for many more if we matched our gifts to our families and friends with another for those for whom goodwill was also intended but who have had precious little of it to go on.

# BIG CABINET RESHUFFLE

*Sir Anthony Eden Gives These Five Men New Duties*



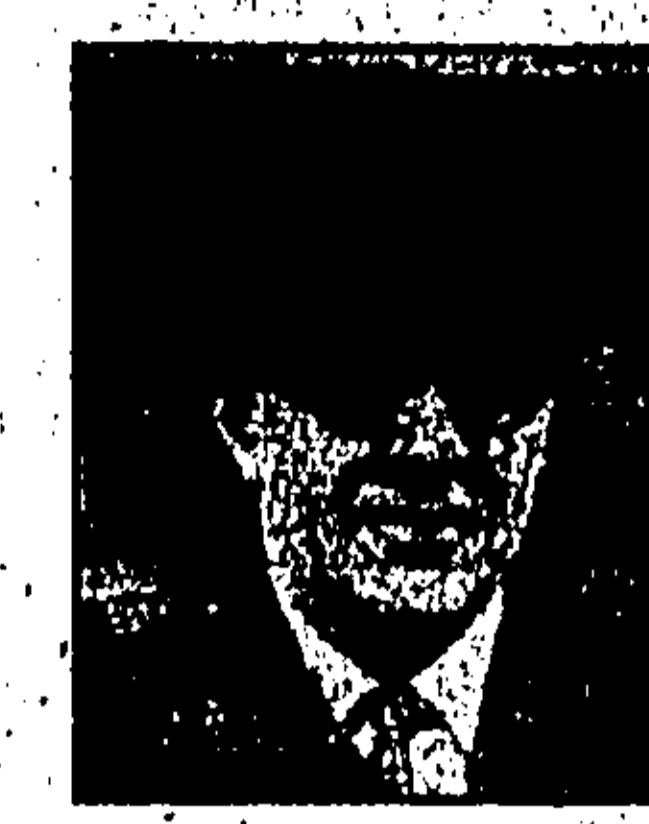
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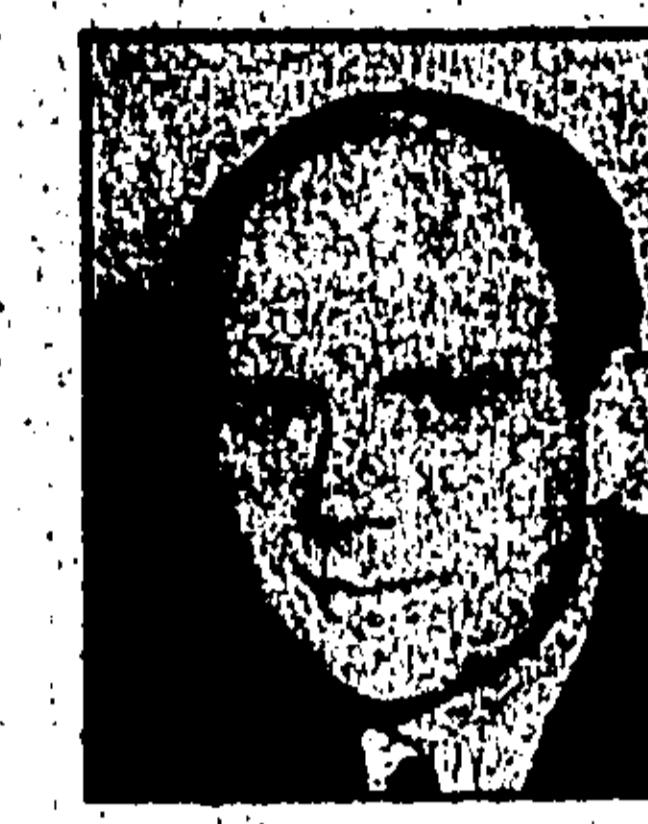
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Mr. Selwyn Lloyd



Sir Walter Monckton



Mr. Iain Macleod

## SIX MINISTERS RESIGN

London, Dec. 21.

Sir Anthony Eden tonight announced a major reshuffle of his cabinet naming new ministers for three top posts.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, 51, becomes Foreign Secretary and Mr. Harold Macmillan, 61, Foreign Secretary for the last four months, becomes Chancellor of the Exchequer.

New Defence Minister is Sir Walter Monckton, 64, who has earned wide praise for his handling of industrial relations as Minister of Labour over the last four years.

Mr. R. A. Butler, 53, moves from Chancellor of the Exchequer to Lord Privy Seal, a non-departmental post which frees him from his duties as the Prime Minister's right-hand man.

He also becomes leader of the House of Commons, making him responsible for carrying through the Government's programme of legislation.

This puts Mr. Butler in line for succession to the Premiership although no appointment of a Deputy Prime Minister was announced.

### BIG SURPRISE

The big surprise of the reshuffle is the appointment to the Defence portfolio of Sir Walter Monckton, who had been expected by many to retire from politics. A notable promotion is that of Mr. Iain Macleod, formerly Minister of Health, to the Ministry of Labour and National Service. At 42, he becomes the youngest member of the cabinet.

Six ministers in the old Government, which Sir Anthony Eden formed when he took over the Premiership from Sir Winston Churchill last April, disappear from the administration.

Chief of these is Lord Woolton, 72, who was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, a secure post which allowed him to undertake special assignments.

The official announcement from number 10 Downing Street tonight began with a list of ministers who had resigned: they were Lord Woolton; Mr. Harry Crookshank, 64, as Lord Privy Seal; Lord de Lissac and D'Ualty, 46, Air Minister; Mr. George Lloyd, 68, Minister of Fuel and Power and Mr. Henry Hopkinson, 55, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs.

### NO 'OVERLORDSHIP'

An unexpected appointment is that of Mr. Patrick Buchanan Hepburn, 54, for many years Government Chief Whip (party manager in Parliament) as Minister of Works with a seat in the Cabinet.

The new Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, Mr. John Hare, has served as a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party. He is 44.

Among the younger men promoted is the Earl of Selkirk, 49, who succeeds Lord Woolton as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The Prime Minister disputed speculation that Mr. Butler, away from the Treasury, might continue to hold overlordship in the nation's economic affairs.

It was made known tonight that Mr. Macmillan, under the Prime Minister will co-ordinate all aspects of economic policy, both internal and external in addition to discharging the Chancellor's normal responsibility for economic affairs.

Appointments to less important posts were: Minister of Air—Mr. Nigel Birch;

Minister of Pensions and National Insurance—Mr. John Boyd-Carpenter (formerly Transport Minister);

Minister of Health—Mr. R. H. Tudor;

Minister of Transport—Mr. Harold Walker;

Minister of Posts—Mr. Anthony Eden.

### MOST SWEEPING'

A barony (peccary) is conferred on Mr. Henry Hopkinson, former Minister of State for the Colonies.

Lord Seckirk, Mr. Harold Watkinson, Mr. Aubrey Jones and Mr. John Hare are appointed members of the Privy Council.

The Government reconstruction is the most sweeping carried out by a British Prime Minister since World War II.

It realises Sir Anthony Eden's aim to streamline his government.

No previous post-war Prime Minister has at one time changed his key lieutenants—the Treasury chief, the Foreign Secretary and the Defence Minister.

But all these changes indicate clearly the new pattern in the Prime Minister's mind.

Mr. Butler's switch from the Treasury post four years—during which he pulled Britain out of the 1951 crisis to economic stability—does not mean that the Chancellor is under a cloud.

### DOUBT ABOUT SWITCH

In replacing Mr. Harry Crookshank, 64, as Lord Privy Seal, a secure office, he is left free to develop his role as the Prime Minister's undisputed first lieutenant.

Parliamentarians were expecting

Mr. Butler to have his present load lightened by relief from the Treasury job, but despite strongest prediction there was doubt up to the last minute whether the Prime Minister would simultaneously switch Mr. Macmillan from the Foreign Office.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, 51, was confidently tipped for the foreign secretaryship. He had a previous

spell of service in the Foreign Office as Minister of State.

But what puzzled and worried Parliamentarians was that the Prime Minister, after giving Mr. Lloyd extra powers two months ago, should switch him just as the new defence "overlord" was settling in.

Sir Anthony Eden solved one of his biggest problems—the question of successor to Mr. Selwyn Lloyd by drafting in Sir. Walter Monckton, 64, Minister of Labour, who has been widely credited with a desire to leave the Government.

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### OTHER CHANGES

A list of changes at lower government levels subsequently announced was: Mr. E. R. Heath, 39, as chief whip in succession to Mr. Patrick Buchanan Hepburn.

Miss Edith Pitt, 49-year-old Birmingham woman popularly tipped for a job, comes into the Government as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in place of Mr. Ernest Marples who resigned.

Mr. Christopher Soames, 35, son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill and formerly his Parliamentary private secretary is made Under-Secretary for Air.

Other junior appointments are: Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty—Mr. George Ward; Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations—Commander Alain Nobis; Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs—Mr. A. D. Dodds-Parker; Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry for Fuel and Power—Mr. David Kenyon, Queen's Counsel; Under-Secretary Home Office—Mr. W. F. Deedes; Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government—Mr. Enoch Powell; Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Labour—Mr. Robert Carr; Assistant Postmaster-General Mr. C. R. M. Alport—Reuters.

## THE JUDGE AGREED: IT WAS A MISTAKE

New York, Dec. 20. A crying baby and an impatient husband are understood in any language. Police Court Judge Albert Doub decided today.

Judge Doub acquitted a young Egyptian woman and her husband on charges of shoplifting. After hearing the woman's story, told through an interpreter from Duke University, Judge Doub agreed it was all a mistake.

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The woman explained in Court that she was looking at stockings in the store when the baby started to cry.

Already annoyed because he felt his wife was taking too long to make her purchase and because they had little time left to dress for the party they were to attend that night, he stalked out of the store with the crying baby.

The woman paid the bill after him, with the stockings in her hand, to the wife and gave him \$1 for the stockings.

The arresting detective testified that Mrs. Almashan understood very little if anything English but she had been in America for a year and a half.

After the woman walked out of the store with the stockings, following her husband, who was carrying their crying baby, the police officer followed them.

## Middle East To Benefit

## BIG INCREASE IN AMERICAN FOREIGN AID

Washington, Dec. 20.

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Mr. Dulles said a \$100 million

fund for economic aid to the Middle East would be set up

and another hundred million

dollar fund for Southeast Asia, approved by Congress last year, would be maintained.

Living, have been economically

isolated by the Soviet Union on

that their present living

standards are deplorable.

"It would seem unnatural

for the Soviet rulers to

provide economic aid to other

peoples when the people they

already rule are themselves in dire need.

"The leaders of countries

which are receiving Soviet

offers are, of course, aware of

this political danger. They

have won political successes in

making their own countries

independent and I believe they

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The major "mop-up" is still

going on. An ambush killed

live soldiers in a French

military convoy yesterday. Five

others are missing. General

André Haure, commanding the second Moroccan infantry

division, has personally taken

charge of the operation.

"SPREADING"

"If the Soviet Union were to

follow our example, it would



# Israel Not Trying To Buy M.E. Peace

## EIGHT-POINT PLAN ONLY CLARIFYING THE SITUATION

### Jelke's Sentence Confirmed

New York, Dec. 20. The State Court of Appeals today confirmed the two- to three-year jail sentence imposed in April on Minot "Mickey" Jelke, 25-year-old heir to a margarine fortune, for leading girls into compulsory prostitution.

The court threw out one of the two counts on which Jelke was convicted, but this made no difference to the length of the sentence.

Jelke, a member of New York's "Cafe Society", was sentenced to two to three years on each of two counts last April, the sentences to run concurrently. He entered prison in June.

One count charged Jelke with inducing Pat Ward, former call girl, to lead a life of prostitution. His conviction of this was affirmed.

The second count, on which conviction was reversed, accused Jelke of attempting to induce Marguerite Cordova into prostitution.

The court held today that guilt was not established beyond a reasonable doubt. — China Mail Special.

### Rumours Of New Plot In Argentine

Buenos Aires, Dec. 20. Guards around Government House were strengthened today and additional security forces were sent to Buenos Aires' International Ezeiza Airport amid a new spate of wild rumours concerning the latest counter-revolutionary plot.

Reports from Rosario, the country's second largest city, said Marine units had occupied the busy dock area on the Parana River waterfront and that the local police and infantry garrison had been confined to barracks since last night.

The current state of suspense arose from last week's raids on Peronist centres in La Plata, Buenos Aires' provincial capital, in which up to 200 persons were reported to have been arrested. Scare headlines in the newspaper *El Laborista* said the plot against the government of President Pedro Aramburu was due to break out just after Christmas. Other newspapers, however, played down or ignored the La Plata raids altogether. — United Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**  
1 Kind of spaniel (6).  
5 Cluster (5).  
8 Fruit (5).  
9 Deadly (6).  
10 Shy (6).  
11 Birds' names (6).  
12 Before long (4).  
13 Fail to win (6).  
14 Agree to (6).  
18 Property (6).  
20 Valleys (6).  
22 Clutch (4).  
23 Perfume (6).  
25 First-born (6).  
27 Make preparation (6).  
28 Dispose of (6).  
29 Score (6).

**DOWN**  
1 Likened (6).  
2 NCO (8).  
3 Verve (4).  
4 Set free (7).  
5 Containers for liquid (7).  
6 Concord (6).  
7 Ring (5).  
8 Pies (8).  
14 Fellow-feeling (8).  
15 Averse (5).  
17 Scholar (7).  
19 Appearing in parts (6).  
21 Diminut. (6).  
24 Killed (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Secure, 5. Basic, 8. Ajar, 9. Chart, 11. Image, 13. Mast, 14. Bodis, 15. Leeks, 16. Above, 19. Moon, 20. Invent, 22. Antic, 26. Eddie, 28. Tom, 27. Anna, 28. Tended, Down: 2. Sack, 3. Crest, 4. Fleas, 6. Baffled, 7. Started, 8. Chosen, 10. Saved, 11. Valiant, 14. Baffled, 16. Deprived, 17. Baffled, 23. Dead, 25. Used.

### Portuguese India Statement

### Dulles Does Not Intend To Withdraw

Lisbon, Dec. 20. THE Foreign Minister, Dr Paulo Cunha, made clear on arrival today that the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, still maintains that Portuguese territories in India are "provinces."

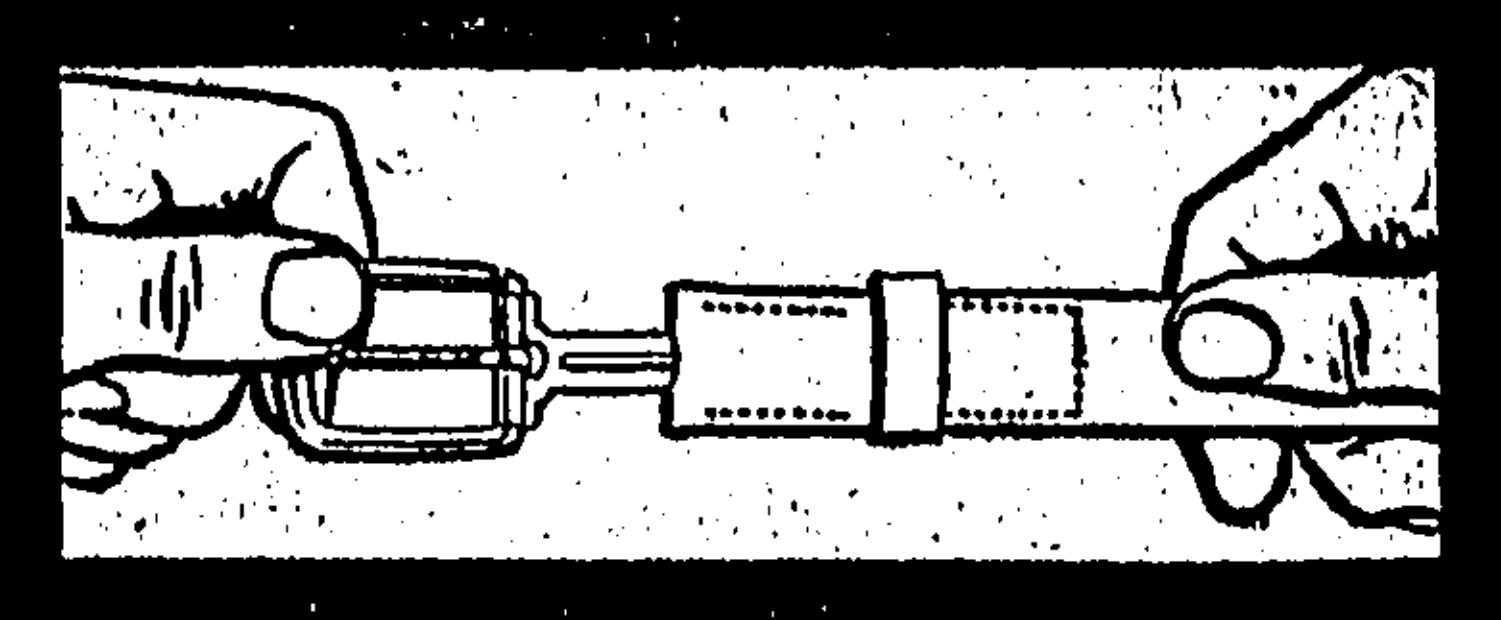
Dr Cunha, who had been on a trip to the United States, Canada and France, said Mr Dulles assured him of his attitude during the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council meeting in Paris last week. Mr Dulles' statement on the "provincial" status of Portuguese India was contained in a joint communiqué published after his talks with Dr Cunha in Washington earlier this month.

The communiqué raised a storm of protest in India. Dr Cunha said Mr Dulles told him during the NATO meeting that he did not intend to withdraw anything he said in the communiqué.

Members of the Revolutionary Socialist Party of India, a major political organisation, today organised a demonstration outside the American Consulate-General in Calcutta. They were protesting against the joint communiqué issued in Washington.

Speakers criticised the United States "defence of colonialism," and demanded that Portugal be made to release Indian member of Parliament, Tridib Chaudhuri, who is imprisoned in Goa. — France-Press.

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Miss Elfrida Eden, 15-year-old niece of British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, is shown during her ballet performance last week, part of a programme of children's ballet, mime and dancing given in aid of charity at the Scala Theatre, London. — Express Photo.

### Tighter Controls Over Surplus Military Stores

London, Dec. 20. Britain is enforcing more stringent controls on the export of surplus military equipment, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

He told his daily press conference that the stricter regulations would make it necessary to disclose the ultimate destination of such equipment.

The spokesman was answering questions about 15 former Valentine tanks bought as army surplus in Britain being shipped from the Belgian port of Antwerp to Egypt.

The shipment has aroused some sections of the British press because the tanks sold as scrap have been reconditioned in Belgium.

The spokesman said that Britain was unable to intervene in time to prevent the shipment from Antwerp.

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A questioner in the House of Commons on December 12 was

told export licences were granted for the equipment concerned on the understanding that it would be used for civilian purposes. It had been reconditioned and re-exported as war material.

The British Government are taking measures to prevent this evasion of our export licensing control," the House was told. — Reuter.

### PROTEST OVER SHOOTING AT 'COPTER

Munson, Dec. 20. The United Nations Command today protested at the Military Armistice Commission meeting against the "indiscriminate" shooting of a United Nations helicopter, east of Kaesong, on December 7.

United Nations officials said the helicopter flew over the Communist zone by mistake. They said it was not armed. — France-Press.

### Legal Problems

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### A diver's dream come true!

"It has proved an indispensable accessory for all divers," D. Reiboff, Vice-President of the Institute of Submarine Research, Cannes.

"The Rolex Submariner has now been used on 14 occasions, one of them being at a depth of 114 feet for 20 minutes. It has also been used in heavy brine and continues to work perfectly."

"I am more than satisfied with its performance," Captain T. A. Hampson, A.R.C., R.A.F., Master C. British Underwater Centre, Dartmouth.

"The claim that the watch is specially designed to overcome the peculiar problem of accurate timing while diving, particularly in respect of its external features, was exactly borne out by the tests. No limit to the tests was made by the manufacturers, these being set by the Club to equate to the most extreme diving conditions likely to be encountered." . . . From the report of the test carried out by the British Sub-Aqua Club.

### A watch that is waterproof down to 660 feet

As any diver knows, you tend to lose all sense of time underwater. Yet accurate and reliable timing is essential for proper decompression when returning to the surface. Lacking this, many divers have endangered their lives and a number of them have been crippled by "the bends."

Rolex, who specialize in providing accurate time under any circumstances, have made a wonderful watch called the Submariner—especially for deep divers and all those engaged in seagoing activities. The Rolex Submariner has a special Oyster case unconditionally guaranteed to resist the fantastic pressure at 660 feet underwater.

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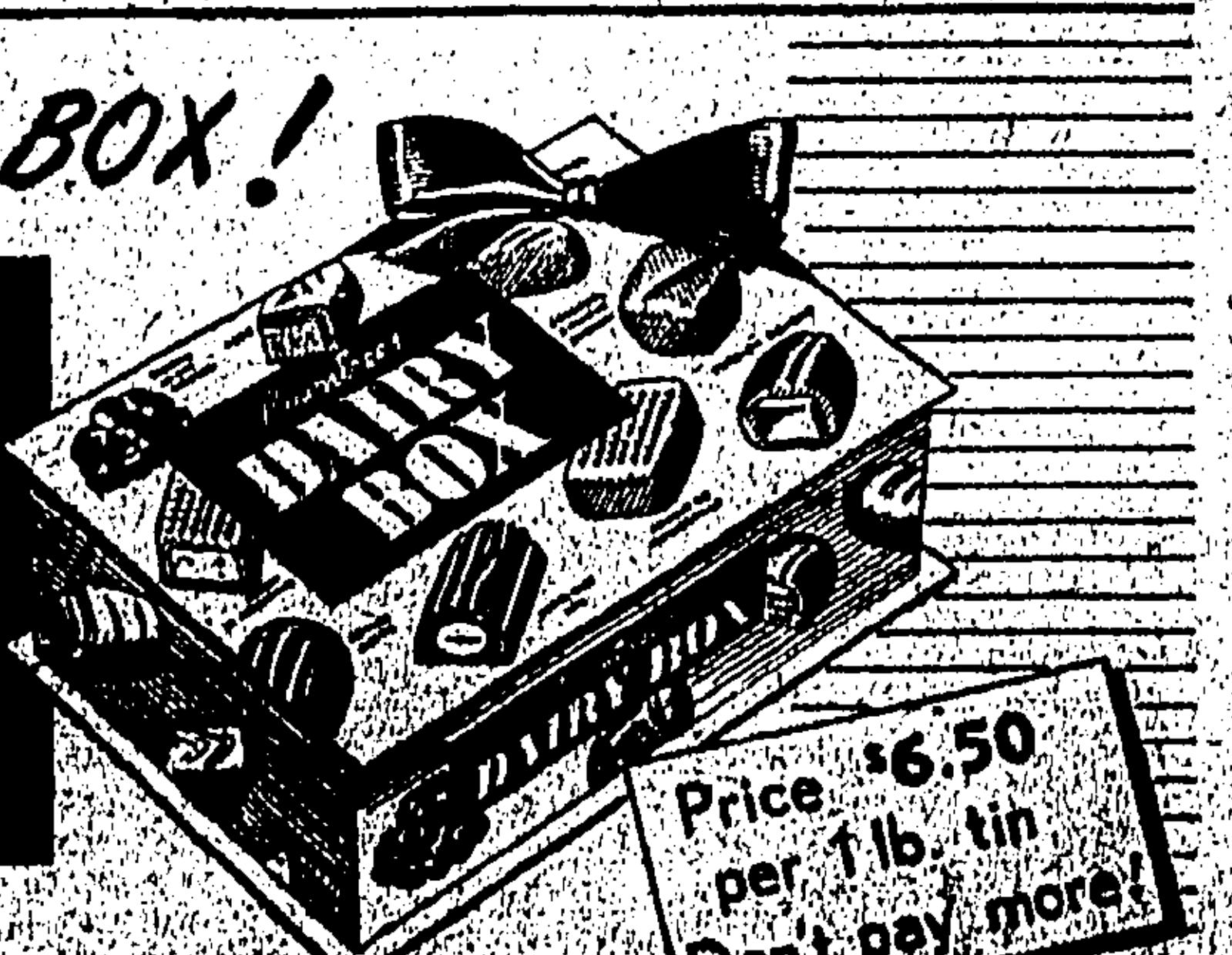
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## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE

As Trumps Go So Does Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

**TODAY** we continue the series on trump play with a hand that introduces an important principle: It is dangerous to let the opponents weaken your trump suit. If your trump suit goes with it, the whole hand usually goes with it.

Let's see how this works out with today's hand. Perhaps you don't like the contract. I would argue with you about that. If North plays the hand as no trump, he is sure to win at least 10 tricks. Even South can play the hand no-trump and win nine tricks. But South plays the hand at hearts to cash in on his honours. Let him who has never made a bold bid for the sake of 100 honours voice the first complaint!

Against the contract of four hearts, West leads the Jack of spades. The suit is continued

NORTH (D) 18			
♦ K 5 3	♦ A Q 6 7	♦ 9 10 5 3	♦ A K 3
♦ 8 7 6 4	♦ 9 2	♦ 8 9 10 6	♦ A 7 4
♦ 6 5	♦ 7 4 2	♦ 7 4 2	♦ Q 10 9 8
♦ J 8 2			
WEST			
♦ A 4 2	♦ A K Q J	♦ Q 10 9 6	♦ K 5 3
♦ 3	♦ 9 8 7	♦ 8 7 6 5	♦ A 7 4
♦ 2	♦ 8 7 6 5	♦ 8 7 6 5	♦ A 7 4
♦ 1	♦ 8 7 6 5	♦ 8 7 6 5	♦ A 7 4
SOUTH			
♦ 10 9 8	♦ 9 8 7 6	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5
♦ 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5
♦ 6 5 4	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5
♦ 4 3	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5
♦ 2	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5
♦ 1	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 5
East-West vul.			
North	East	South	West
1 ♦ Pass	1 ♥ Pass	1 ♦ Pass	1 ♦ Pass
1 ♦ N.T.	Pass	3 ♦ Pass	Pass
1 ♦ Pass	Pass	4 ♥ Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ J			

and South must decide whether or not to ruff the third spade.

South shouldn't ruff that third spade. He should simply discard one of the small clubs that he is bound to lose sooner or later. This gives the opponents their club trick, only instead of late, but it costs South nothing at all.

What can the opponents do now? If they lead a fourth spade, dummy can safely ruff with the ten of hearts. South will still have his four top trumps with which to extract all the trumps held by the enemy. The rest of the hand will then play itself.

South makes a great deal of trouble for himself if he ruffs the third spade. If he then tries to draw trumps, he will run out of trumps while West still has a trump and a good spade. West will eventually take two more tricks, defeating the contract.

It's true that South might manage to make the game contract even if he ruffed the third spade, but he would have to break the trumps 3-3 or get some other lucky break. He has no problem at all if he discards a club on the third spade.

The discard is only half of the story. The other half of the story is that dummy has a trump to stop the enemy's suit, thus relaxing the pressure on declarer's own trump holding.

### • CHRD Sense •

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass

1 N.T. Pass ?

You, South, hold:

♦ A Q 8 2 ♦ 9 4 ♦ K J 2 ♦ A Q 2

What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. You have 14 points and strength in all suits, so you do not wait for your partner to bid the game which you can well bid yourself.

### TODAY'S QUESTION

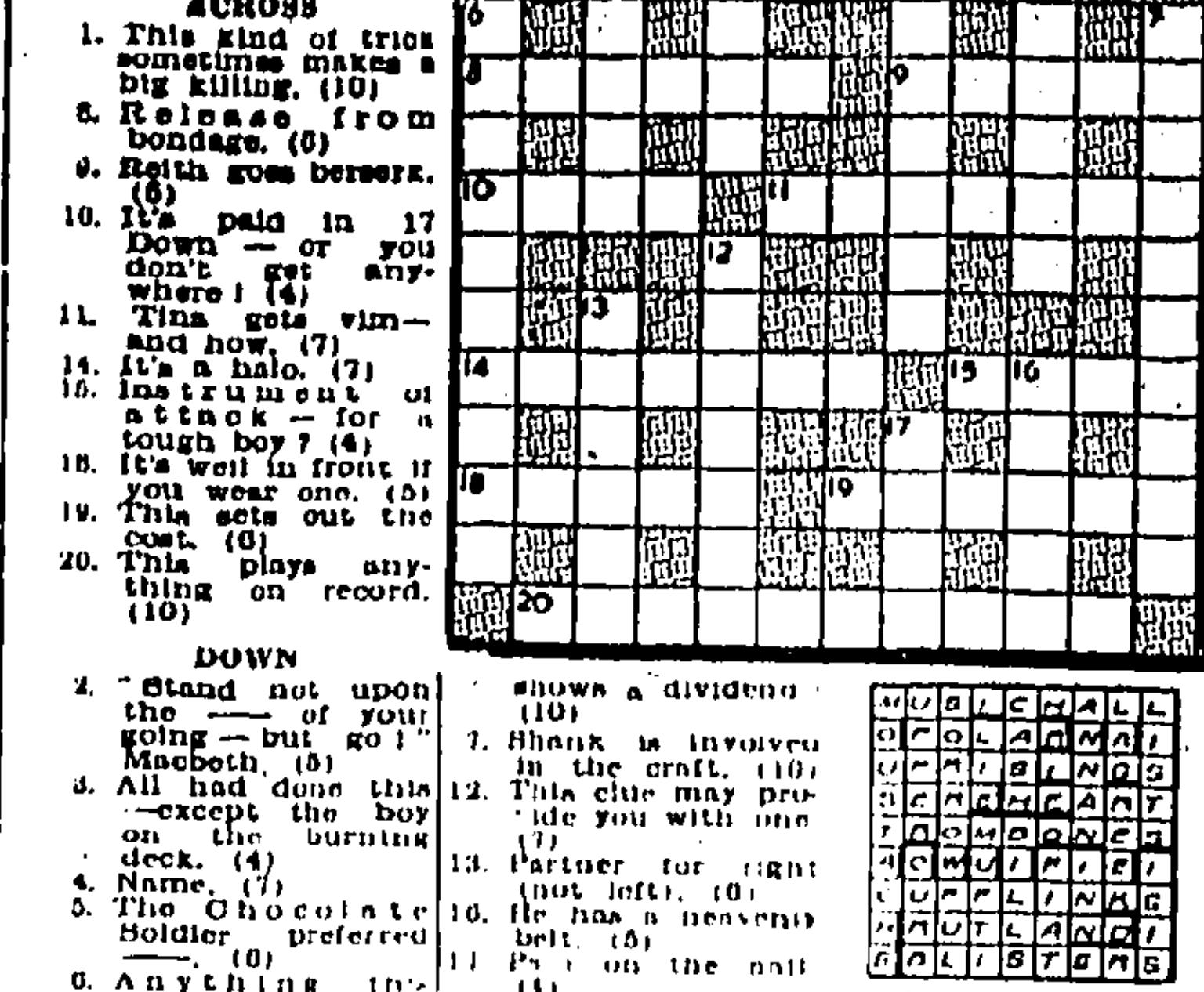
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

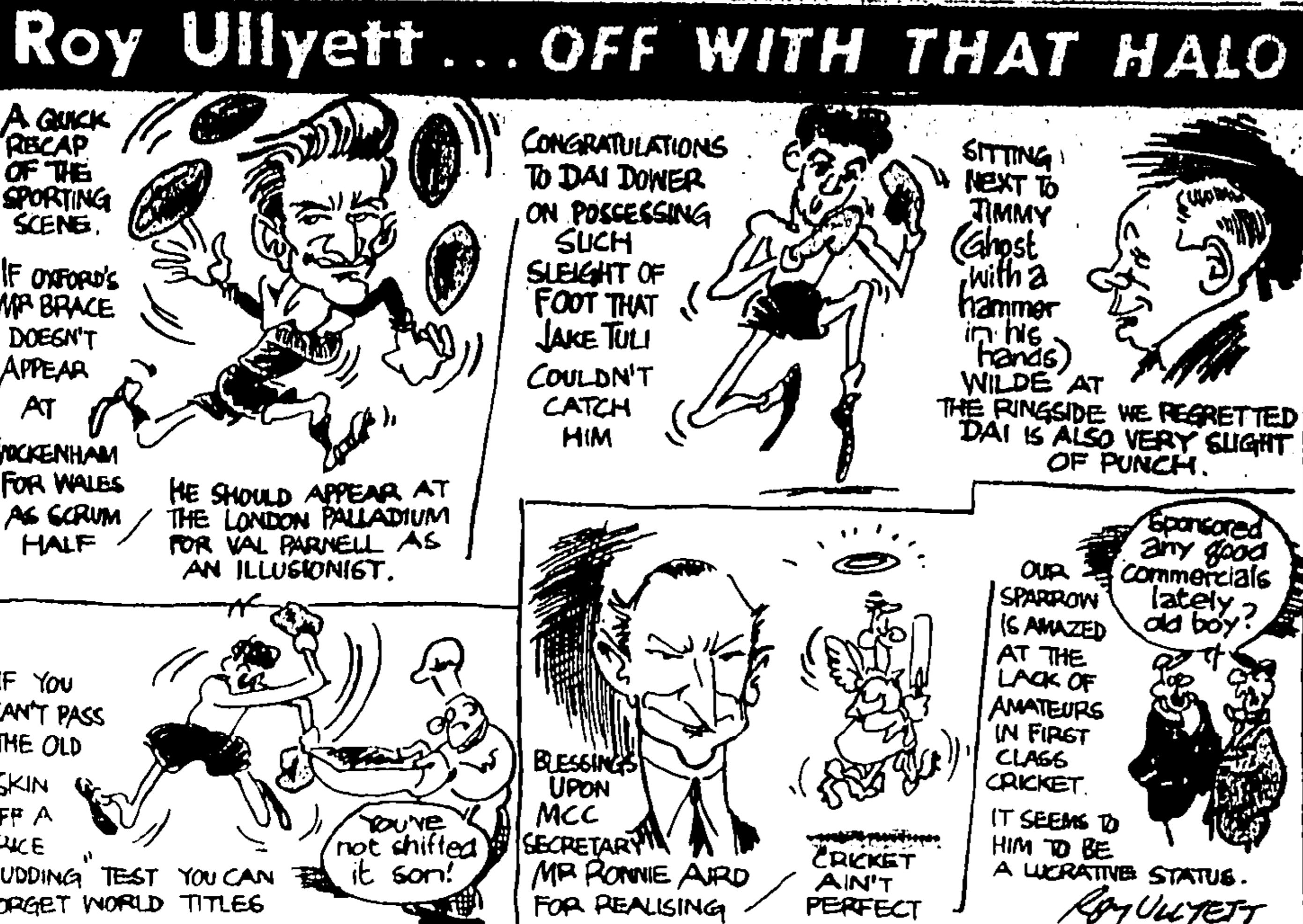
♦ A K J 8 ♦ 9 4 ♦ K J 9 2 ♦ A Q 2

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## Crossword





## COLUMN WITH A KICK

## Buy Or Goodbye Arsenal

By DAVID JACK

If the Empire State Building started to totter, I do not imagine the custodians of that property would attempt to keep it on an even keel with a few shovels of cement.

This season, and during the past season or two, in fact, the mightiest structure in Soccer, at club level—Arsenal Football Club—has been crumbling.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all Race Meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

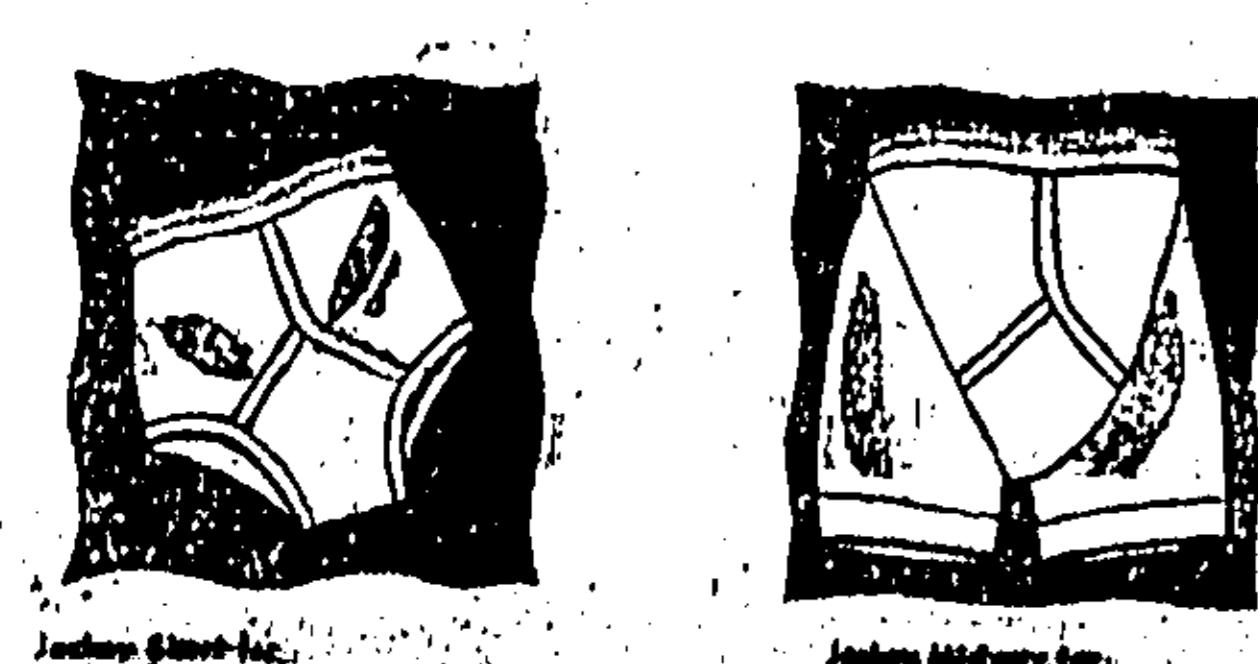
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## Things Are Stirring In The World Of Golf Thanks To Little Dai Rees Says ARCHIE QUICK

Things are stirring in the world of golf and although it will be the Professional Golfers' Association and the English Golf Union who will get the credit for the new progressive outlook, behind the scenes it is the foresight and energy of little Dai Rees which is chiefly responsible for the improvements.

To sum it up briefly, the Selectors of the professional and amateur teams of Great Britain will no longer be content to wait until the imminent approach of the Ryder and Walker Cup matches before they start their preparations. The new order is, once one match is over, plans and training must begin for the next.

Thus, with the Ryder Cup match against the United States in California only a few weeks behind them, the PGA are looking around for the nucleus of the next team in two years' time. Even greater activity prevails with the EGU who have a Walker Cup date with America in Britain next year.

The Chairman of the Selection Committee, Mr Raymond Oppenheimer has always held a realistic outlook, both as a player and an administrator, and he has slipped into gear his Committee by arranging for Dai Rees, who was the Ryder Cup Captain this year, and knowledgeable Bill Cox, a former International, to start at once official coaches for the next Walker Cup Team.

It is strange that the best of them are in the Second Division not the First. Think on this, Johnny Haynes and Bobby Robson (Fulham), John Atyeo (Bristol City), Geoff Bradford (Bristol Rovers), Redfern Frogatt and Albert Quixall (Sheffield Wednesday). As near as makes no difference, those half dozen are leading choices for the England team—and all in the Second Division.

Yet First Division managers are crying out for inside forwards and jangle the bones as to build a team. It seems to me that the reason is that First Division clubs do not bother to cultivate the young idea and find themselves poverty-stricken when their stars fade.

The two managers were not the only people considering with each other. The goalkeepers were at it. Current Internationals, too, Ireland's Norman Upchurch, of Portsmouth, said he was to blame for West Bromwich's first and third goals. Jack Kelsey, of Wales and the Arsenal, blamed himself for Birmingham's second and third. Confession is good for the soul, it is said, but you do not get it often from professional footballers, let alone from two men who are their respective countries' choices of the moment.

Yet down among the ranks of the Third Division goal-scoring is being made easy by inside forwards. Derby County have scored 56 times in 20 League matches. Ron Heckman, of Leyton Orient, has got 20 in his last three games. Brighton, with 61 Cup and League goals, have notched 26 in their last five games—the season's most prolific.

**MIGHTY HORDES**

The Football Pools are falling over each other to sponsor Britain's Olympic Games team. And it will not cost them a penny, for their offers will never be accepted. The various sporting national bodies have set their faces sternly against any such overtures.

The Amateur Athletic Association, the Amateur Boxing Association, the Amateur Swimming Association, the National Cyclists' Union, and so on have all turned down this method of financing Britain's representation in this international sport event.

Unhappily the Government has also decided against financial aid, and so our contingent will look rather meagre on Opening Parade Day, dwarfed by the mighty horde who represent the United States and Soviet Russia.

It means that Lew Hoad and Mervyn Rose who have planned a private trip with their wives for next year, will have to give to the Association before they leave an account of the expenses they expect to receive from tournaments.

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Under the new regulations, any Australian making a private tour must apply for permission to do so, supply a list of the overseas events in which he expects to compete and give an estimate of the expenses he expects to receive for each tournament. Failure to do so could cause a player to lose his amateur status.

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## "Get Tough" Policy Announced By Australian LTA

**MELBOURNE, Dec. 20.** A new "get tough" policy on the payment of expenses to amateur players making private tours overseas was announced tonight by the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia.

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## MCC Team Only A Day Out From Karachi

Aboard the liner *Circassia*, Dec. 20.

The MCC's "A" team, only a day out from Karachi, are all thoroughly fit and eager to begin practice for their tour of Pakistan.

They are due at Karachi tomorrow and will open their tour on December 26 against Karachi Cricket Association.

The players distinguished themselves in the ship's sports and fancy dress competition. Tony Lock defeated his Surrey teammate, Ken Barrington, in the table tennis final, and Brian Close beat his captain, Donald Carr, at quoit tennis.

Winners of fancy dress prizes were Alan Moss, the biggest member of the team, and Roy Swetman, the smallest, as "mother and baby".

Alan Watkins and Carr dressed as St. Trinian schoolgirls.—China Mail Special.

## Malayan Indians Score 5-4 Win At Badminton

The visiting Malayan Indians badminton team last night defeated a Hong Kong Indians side 5-2.

Following were the results: Singles: Surjit Rag (M) beat M.A. Ebrahim (HK), 15-12; lost to George Ma (HK), 9-15. S.A.L. Gonzaga (M) beat Ebrahim 15-6; beat Ma 15-12. Baljit Singh (M) lost to B.M. Hedge 8-15.

Doubles: Harbans and Surjit Rag (M) lost to Ebrahim and George Ma 6-21; beat Z.A. Abub and B.M. Hedge 21-15.

Gonzaga and Thillaiamachan (M) lost to Ebrahim and George Ma 13-21; beat Amims and Hegun 21-9.

Loh Heng-chew lost to F. Sido 14-21 18-21.

Poon Weng-hoe beat Koozian 21-16 21-19.

U. M. Chandranan lost to Loh Heng-chew 21-15 22-24 14-21.

Chandranan and Vayat beat Poon Weng-hoe and Loh Heng-chew 21-12 24-22.

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## Football League Matches Under Floodlights?

Football League matches under floodlight are almost a certainty for next season.

The League's management committee, after a five-hour session in London last week, said that floodlight soccer had been No 1 talking point.

There was no official statement.

Mr Fred Haworth, the League secretary, said: "We are frankly alarmed at the falling gates and the decreasing attraction of the League competition."

Although there was no complete agreement, the League will probably suggest these methods for boosting gates next season.

1. League matches by flood-light when both teams agree;

2. Floodlighting during a match to enable a later start;

3. A new League system to include a Third Division with South Midlands and Northern sections.

The soccer chiefs will again tackle the case of the vanishing millions at meetings next month and in February.

A Bring-back-the-fans Charter will be presented to the clubs at a meeting in March. Final decisions will be made at the annual general meeting of clubs in June.

(London Express Service.)

## Jackie McGlew Elected "Sportsman Of The Year"

Johnnie McGlew, Dec. 20.

Jackie McGlew, dynamic little Springbok opening batsman and vice-captain of the cricket team which toured England recently, was elected "South Africa's "Sportsman of the Year" at a banquet of the Rand Sportswriters Society here to-night.

McGlew faced a formidable challenge from the five other nominees—Tom von Vollenhoven (Rugby), Mrs Sylvia Dyno (bowls), Alistair Jennings (athletics), Gordon Frew (soccer) and Willie Towell (boxing).

McGlew played a vital part in England last summer.

After the South Africans had been beaten in the first two Tests he took over the leadership from the injured Jack Cheetah and captained the side to victory in the third and fourth Tests at Leeds and Manchester.

In both matches he scored a century, and finished the tour by leading the batting averages.

McGlew was run a close second in the balloting, however, by Rugby Union wing three quarter Von Vollenhoven, who scored four spectacular tries against the touring British Lions this year.

Von Vollenhoven also represented Transvaal as sprinter against a touring West German athletic side and was in the relay team which set a new British Empire record of 41.1 seconds for four by 110 yards.—China Mail Special.

## Gardner 'Yes' To Erskine

Joe Erskine, the unbeaten Cardiff Heavyweight will meet Jackie Gardner, (Market) Harborough, the former British Heavyweight Champion, in Birmingham in February.

Alex Griffiths, the Midlands promoter, said that both boxers agreed to terms this week.

Gardner's manager, John Simpson, said: "Gardner is ready to take fights up to within two months of meeting Don Cockell for the British title in April. The bout with Erskine will suit us fine."—London Express Service.

## World Table Tennis Championships

Stockholm, Dec. 20.

Sweden will stage the 1957 World Table Tennis Championships at the Royal Tennis Hall here. It was announced today.—China Mail Special.

## Rubbing It In

Accrington Rangers just beat playing Hibernian United. Early in the season Hibernian won 1-0 and now they have followed it up with a League victory of 1-0. Wonder what the score will be in the return fixture.





Out on his own as claimant to The Spot of Honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week is Craftsman Michael Nash who scooped the pool in the Colony Non-Chinese Table Tennis Championships at the Missions to Seamen last Friday evening.

Nash took the premier trophy in the Men's Singles by 3 games to 1 after a hard tussle with Y. Khan, who was also runner-up in 1954. Khan played a sound and steady defensive game, but Nash's tremendous reach and his driving power on both the fore and back hands eventually swung the play in his favour.

Nash and Khan teamed up to win the Men's Doubles event. In this final they were never really extended and won very comfortably.

The Mixed Doubles, in which he partnered Mrs. Yates—the wife of an Army Officer—brought Nash his third success of the evening, although on this occasion it was touch and go right to the end.

To complete his sweep of the board Nash teamed up with Khan and Taylor to win the team event for the European Table Tennis Club and so complete a memorable achievement.

#### FAST BOWLER

In spite of his outstanding ability as a table tennis player Nash is probably best known for his prowess as a fast bowler in the successful Army South side. In a broadcast interview after the show at the Missions to Seamen he said that he was leaving the Colony at the beginning of January and cricket as well as indoor tennis will be the poorer for his absence.

Hockey enthusiasts from every section of the community will be out in strength this afternoon when the visiting Malayan Indians tackle the Combined Services on the Army Ground at Sookpoo.

The visitors have already shown themselves to be players of quality and as the Combined Services will also field a strong side a grand game seems assured. Bully off is at 4 o'clock.

The Army football team continues to enjoy a good run and the players are now producing the form—and getting the results—that proved so elusive earlier in the season. The return of skipper Crompton to the centre-half position, and the move of Mullett to left-back have worked wonders in the defence.

Mullett's speed in recovery and Crompton's hard tackling and timely interventions have imparted a feeling of confidence to the players around them and the team has in consequence played more profitable and points-gathering football.

Wing halves McInnes and Tolfrey—so very different in style—have had a big say in the general improvement in the side and on present form McInnes has few if any superiors in his position in the Colony.

It is a matter for some regret that young Haydock who has made an important contribution to the better-forward play in recent games, will be leaving the Colony soon.

The blow of his departure is, however, softened by the news that Craftsman Chalmers, who was badly injured during the game against South China at Caroline Hill early in the season, had a successful first outing in the 'B' team against the Police on Saturday. Chalmers, who is a strong forceful forward, needs only a game or two to be right back in his best form.

#### BIG TASK AHEAD

The soldiers have a big task ahead of them this week when they meet the powerful KMB side at Caroline Hill on Saturday. The sides met in the opening weeks of the season when neither of them were showing very good form and after a poor game the Army went down by 2 goals to 1. Both teams have now made a fine recovery from their indifferent start and this return match has all the ingredients of a top class affair.

It is anticipated that the side will be on the same lines as last week when two goals by Morris and one by Haydock took them through to a 3-nil victory over the Police.

One of the most popular dates on the Athletic calendar is the RAMC Annual Meeting. This season it will take place on Wednesday, February 22, and the organisers are planning to make the 'Open Mile' a very special attraction. The event will, in accordance with tradition, be open to runners from all three services and it is intended to send personal invitations to some of the top runners in the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force.

If the invitations are accepted, it may well be that the Medical's 'Open Mile' will be

#### Sports Diary

##### TODAY

Hockey  
Malayan Indians v Combined Services at Sookpoo, 4 p.m.  
Malayan Indians v CYMCA at Indian Recreation Club, 8 p.m.  
Cricket  
League 1st Division RAF v Navy, 1.30 p.m.

##### FRIDAY

Hockey  
Malayan Indians v Macao, Sookpoo, 4 p.m.  
Badminton  
Malayan Indians v CCC at Happy Valley, 8 p.m.

##### SATURDAY

Soccer  
1st Division: Police v Kowloon Wah (B.M.C. Club), all matches at 2.30 p.m.  
2nd Division: Police v Tung Wah (B.M.C.), KMB v Army (C.H.), Club v RAF (Club), all matches at 2.30 p.m.  
Combined RAMC v Gymnastics, Taikoo v REPS at Happy Valley, 2.15 p.m., KMB v Dockyard, Soldiers v Persons, Happy Valley at 3.45 p.m.  
2nd Division: Caroline Hill v R.R. 2.15 p.m., Hollandia v HK Aircraft, 3.45 p.m. (IV).

Malayan Indians v Combined Services (Sookpoo) 4 p.m.

#### RICHEST FOOTBALLER

Hans Jeppson once came to England and saved Charlton Athletic from relegation. Since then he has earned himself £40,000 in two years in Italy. He got £18,000 for himself when he left Sweden for Atlanta (Tunis), a third of a £62,500 transfer fee when he went to Naples, and recently a further £12,500 for re-signing for another two years. He will get an additional £2,000 bonus if his club finishes in the first five in the League, and his salary on top of all that is £2,000 a year.

#### ARMY CRICKET XI

The following players have been selected to represent the Army team in their cricket match against Hongkong Cricket Club on Tuesday, December 27, at 11 a.m. The game will be played on the Chater Road ground: Major Howard-Dobson, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Withall, Lt. Bedson, Lt. Lipscombe, Lt. Crook, 2/Lt. Carr, 2/Lt. Morton, RSM Martin, Tpr. Greenhalgh, Cfn Nash, 12th man; 2/Lt. Cartwrights and umpire Capt. Mrs.

HER LAST RALLY

Seven British women's teams have entered for the gruelling Monte Carlo Rally. Women's Champion, Miss Sheila Van Damm, will be taking part in her last rally as leader of the Sunbeam women's team. With her will be two Yorkshire women, Mrs. Anne Hall, of Huddersfield, and Mrs. Yvonne Jackson, of Thorner. Mrs.

#### JAMES PARK SPOTLIGHTS

##### 3-YEAR-OLDS OF 1956

#### Edmundo One Of Our Hopes For Next Year's 2000 Guineas

It is unusual to find fillies dominating the two-year-olds in England and France. Star of India is rated 7 lb. better than the best of the colts on a weight-for-sex basis in England, and Apollonia is in a similar position in France.

Despite that it is the colts who always command most attention as prospects for the future. One never knows how fillies will fare in their second season.

A year ago Gloria Nicky was rated the equal of the best colt. She failed completely to live up to her reputation as a three-year-old.

There was some trouble with her teeth which prevented her running in the 1,000 Guineas. When that was overcome there was no semblance of the brilliance she showed as a two-year-old.

She won one moderate race, and was retired after Ark Royal had given her 12lb. and a five-length beating at York. As Meld beat Ark Royal by six lengths in the Oaks it is easy to see how far Gloria Nicky had fallen from her former high estate.

##### THE BEST

On Free Handicap reckoning Gloria Nicky's half-brother, Edmundo, is the best of the two-year-old colts. Will he train off to the same extent? That is a problem which can be solved only when Edmundo makes a first appearance as a three-year-old.

I discountenance any suggestion that Gloria Nicky's experience can have any influence on the future of her half-brother. I have every confidence in Edmundo thriving during the winter months.

If he does he should at least make normal progress. The colt took part in three races and improved in appearance each time.

He won at Newbury in June without having to be asked a serious question. He was ridden from behind in the July Stakes at Newmarket, but quickened for the lead going into the Dip and was in no danger up to the line.

His next and only other race was in the Middle Park Stakes at Ascot. I was walking across the paddock after the race when I was joined by Mrs. Berrie, trainer of Edmundo. "What do you think of them?" asked Berrie. I told him that while Edmundo had won the race I thought he had not done all he could. "I am not the turning point," I said, "but I think he had a good race."

#### One Of England's Most Promising Batsmen ..

## Michael Smith Moves To Warwickshire

By ALL-ROUNDER

Leicester-born Michael J. K. Smith, one of the most promising young batsmen in England today, who will captain Oxford University next summer, has been assisting Leicestershire for the past two seasons after the University match, but he will turn out for another County in future.

He has just joined the Warwickshire staff in an administrative position and, with the retirement of Tom Dollery, is confidently expected to take over the captaincy.

Leicestershire were anxious to retain him as a player, but in a statement the County club says: "It was not possible to find him a sufficiently attractive commercial job, and we were prepared to offer him administrative employments with us. Unfortunately the attractive we did not measure up to that of Warwickshire—large club with Test match status.

"The decision had to be up to Michael in his future interests and we cannot and do not grumble at his decision." Smith, 22 years of age, a sound right-hand opening batsman with a wide range of strokes, hit 201 not out in the Varsity match in 1954 and 104 last July—only the third player to score a double century and a single hundred in the history of the series.

The Nawab of Pataudi and A. Ratcliffe were his predecessors. He may well be in the running for Test honours before long. He is also an outstanding rugger player, getting his Blue at full-back last year. In this year's Varsity match he is playing at stand-off half and is a most important cog in the Dark Blues' unorthodox attack.

Work on an embankment and terracing is now in full swing, and by next July there should be seats and accommodation for 10,000 spectators. Middlebrough has been getting crowds of 8,000 for mid-week Minor Counties games and is confident that at least three times that number will come for a County Championship game.

Football directors are always depicted in top hats sitting in plush seats. Not Mr. Nat Sunter, of Nelson FC (Lancs). He was in his accustomed seat in the Directors' Box when it was announced that Nelson were a man short. So Mr. Sunter turned out and scored the winning goal!

Gordon Stones, Accrington full-back, was moved into the forward line against Liverpool Marine because of an eye injury. He promptly scored two goals in five minutes, and the forward who took his place at back, Jimmy Mason, was the outstanding defender.

Harry Warren has just started his twelfth year as Southend United's manager. During that time every other club in the Third Division South has changed its manager at least once—some of them three or four times. Yet in his playing day Harry was a rover—Blackpool, Exeter, Merthyr, Sheffield United, Notts County and Folkestone.

Jack Rowley will shortly complete twenty uninterrupted years of Football League professional service. Now player-manager of Plymouth Argyle, Jack became a Wolverhampton player in November 1935, went to Manchester United and scored four goals in his only appearance as England's centre-forward. He and his brother Arthur (Leicester), Tommy Lawton and Charlie Wayman are the only players with 200 League goals to their credit. Mortensen, Briggs, Sewell and Connor can join them this season.

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Ted Platt and Charlie Dore were goalkeepers with Portsmouth last season. Ted first team, Charlie second. Platt went to Aldershot, Dore to Worcester City. Now Platt has transferred to Worcester and displaced his former colleague.

It is obvious that Edmundo must have lost a little ground by going across for the inside position, but is anything I thought Edmundo was going the better in the last few strides.

The form does not make him anything out of the ordinary, but if I have read the signs right Edmundo is an honest colt and a game battler. He might have a little to find before he can be regarded as a bright proposition for the classic races.

I have no doubt he will maintain his form as a three-year-old. Everything depends on the progress he may make. Despite his limitations, he is one of our main hopes, particularly for the

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##### DEBATABLE

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##### STILL GOING

Tibbington and Parks Hall have been six hours playing their Tipton League Cup final and still it is undecided. Each match has ended in a goalless draw. Bit different in the nearby Redditch League. Bishampton won 18-2 away from home. While in the neighbouring Sutton League seven matches have produced 90 goals for Wincanton Youth Club.

Clyde FC changed their club colours from white to red this season and they have not won a Scottish League game in them yet. Twice they have had to change back to their old white shirts because of a clash of colours against Aberdeen and Stirling—and each time they won. While in the football friendly with Manchester United they were 0-1 down at half-time, changed into white because they were drenched and won 3-1. Why not white always, Clyde?

Now it is over that when Bishampton played Moscow yesterday in the European Cup, Willie Thompson, manager of Bishampton, was asked if he had any advice for the Russian team. "I told them to play like the English," he said. "I told them to play like the English."

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## PERSONAL

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RN STILL TRAINS 'COCKLESHELL'  
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London, Dec. 20.  
A new British film, "Cockleshell Heroes," has focussed the limelight on one aspect of naval warfare in which the Royal Navy specialises more highly than any other of Britain's partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

This is the training of the self-reliant individual to operate in a small team or even alone as a one-man unit of attack, proving that the Commando, the "Frogman," or the midget submariner, is not outmoded in this electronic age.

In three particular fields of naval and amphibious warfare the Royal Navy produces the fighting individual. Two of these fields are, in peace-time, monopolised by "Britain's Sea-Soldiers," the Royal Marines, under the Admiralty, but the third remains an essentially naval reserve.

These specialised training fields are for Commandos, Swimmers—Canoeists—more popularly called "frogmen"—and the men of the midget submarines called X-craft.

On the wind-swept hills above Plymouth and the historic naval base of Devonport is the Royal Marine Commando School where every recruit to the Marines is put through training as a Commando as soon as he has acquired his basic drill on the parade ground.

The training includes toughening time tests over a remarkable obstacle course called "The Tarzan Course" because of the aerobatic feats which it involves—such as swinging from tree to tree by ropes or crossing high over a swift-running mountain stream along a single rope line with a scientific balancing grip known as the "Panther Crawl."

There are also "rocky beach landings" to put a raiding force ashore silently and secretly in assault motorboats, cliff-scaling, black-faced and cat-footed night raids, on "enemy" strongpoints, working across unknown countryside in supposedly hostile territory by map and compass, and that last really individual aspect of warfare called unarmed combat.

Variety Of Craft

The swimmer-canoeists, who develop tremendous endurance in their underwater swimming and long distance canoe-paddling, are the elite of another Royal Marine school, the school for amphibious warfare at Eastney, near another famous English south coast naval base, Portsmouth.

At the same establishment at Eastney are trained the marines who handle a variety of craft from the assault motorboats and dories for "rocky beach" landings to the landing craft which will put armoured vehicles ashore in a beach-head in enemy territory.

But it is the swimmer-canoeist, or frogman, who is the pride of the war school at Eastney. His task does not call merely for muscular skills, and his training includes seamanship, navigation and tactics. In all his operations, he must be able to assess a situation swiftly, act on split-second timing and carry on in the face of adversity.

Great Tradition

Only a few miles away from Eastney are the headquarters of the third variety of fighting individuals, the men of the midget submarines technically known as X-craft. These are essentially men of the Royal Navy proper, as distinct from the Royal Marines, and as members of the submarine branch of the Service their headquarters are in Fort Blockhouse, old fortifications guarding the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour.

The young men of these miniature submarines, with their crews of four or five have a great tradition to sustain, even though it goes back only to the middle of World War II.

It was X-craft, towed across the stormy waters of the North

Sea which attacked and crippled the German battleship Tirpitz, hidden deep in a Norwegian fjord in 1943.

It was another midget submarine which penetrated a minefield to knock out a Japanese cruiser in a supposedly safe and shallow anchorage close to Singapore in July 1945.

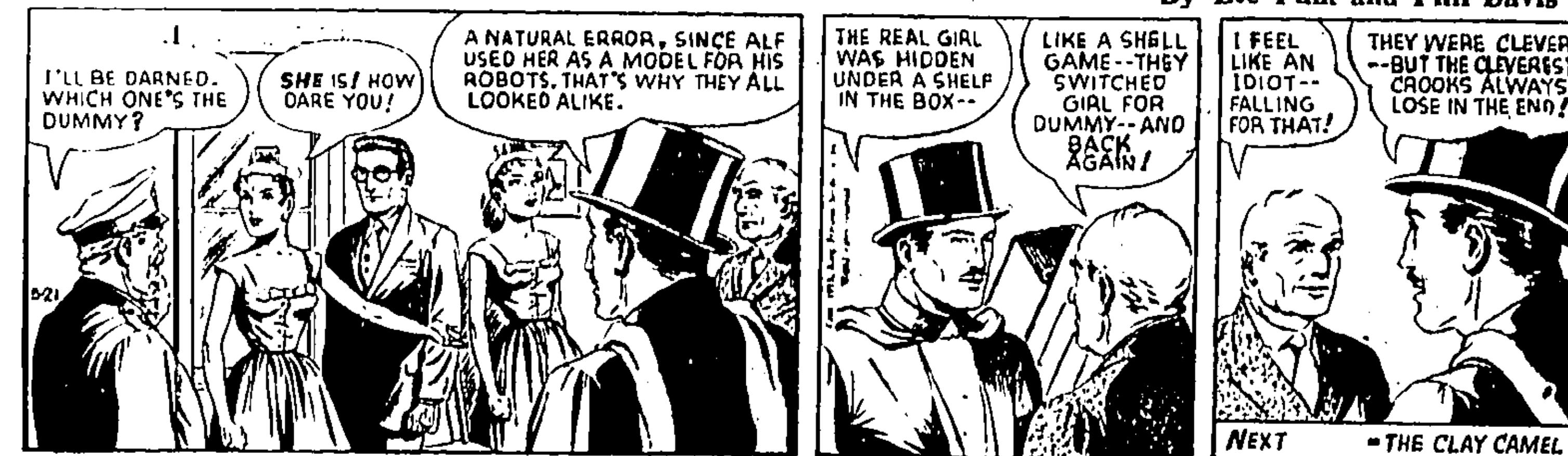
This sort of attack by a small group of men packed into a tiny space full of machinery also calls for a high degree of individual skill, enterprise and courage. It was well illustrated in another film, "Above the Waves," in a realistic reproduction of the attack on the Tirpitz.

## Secret List

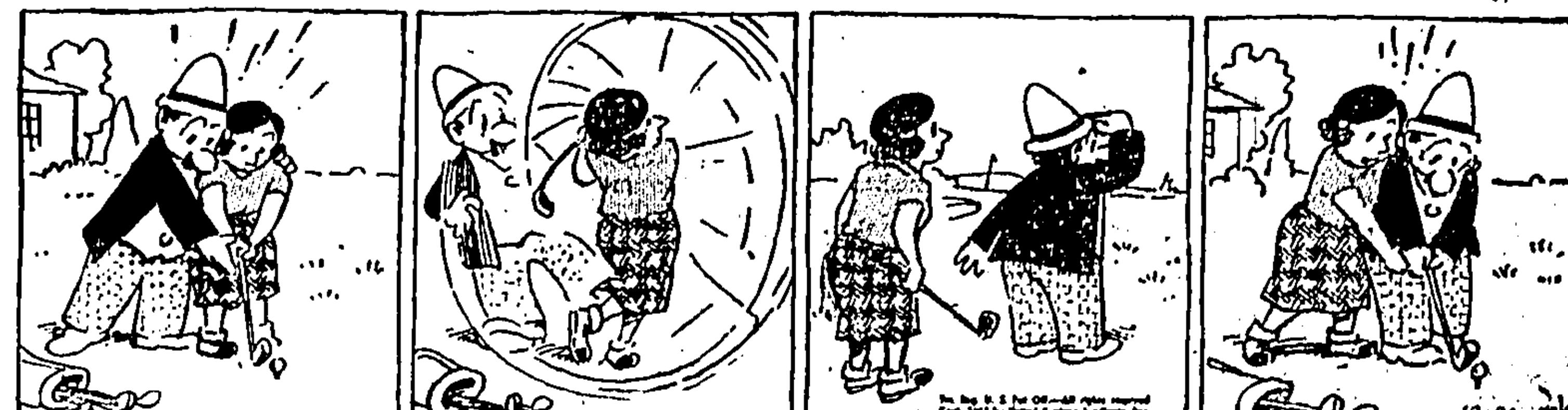
Although details of new X-craft built for training in the past few years are on the secret list, it is stated that there are no great changes, though plenty of improvements, on the wartime midget submarines.

In all these fields, Britain's developments attract much interest from her allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, who send officers and ratings to visit the various schools. Only recently the Royal Navy sent one of its X-craft to the United States for the American Navy to examine and test.—China Mail Special

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



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## NANCY



## JOHNNY HAZARD

Increasing Tendency  
For Teen-Age  
Pupils To Marry

San Francisco, Dec. 20.

An increasing tendency for teen-age boys and girls in California High Schools (equivalent to the British Grammar School and the continental Lycee) is causing concern among the educational authorities. While the couples may achieve happiness through wedlock, they are presenting their teachers with a considerable problem.

Dr Judson Landis of the University of California, and Kenneth Kidd, as research assistant in family sociology at the University, have published these conclusions after a lengthy investigation of teen-age marriage in secondary schools in California.

The school officials are particularly concerned about teenage marriages because statistics have disclosed "without exception a higher divorce rate and a lower happiness rate among people married in their teens than among people who marry at later ages."

## Courses

They admit, however, that there is not much that they can do about it. "We have to face the facts as they are in 1955," Doctors Landis and Kidd agree. "Many young people are marrying early. They are going to have more problems than they would have had if they waited until they were older."

Education

experts have there-

fore decided that the only thing

they can do is to offer

constructive

courses in "marriage"

and "family living."

Latif, whose wife had died

giving birth to the child, said

the child would die of hunger if

someone did not care for it.

"I have no family who can

look after it," said Latif, "and I

myself am starving."

Husband Number One, Jasam

Latif, asked the court's permis-

sion to give his 15-day-old son

to his friend, El Albi Zaur.

Zaur, whose wife had died

giving birth to the child, said

the child would die of hunger if

someone did not care for it.

The court ruled that Latif

deserved his right to the boy,

whom they permitted El Albi

Zaur legally to adopt.—France.

Press.

In 1890, the average age at

first marriage for men was 28.1

years and for women 22 years.

In 1956, these ages had dropped

to 22.5 for men and 20 years

for women. In 1954, four-

tenths of one per cent of boys

and 4.8 per cent of girls 14 to

17 years of age in the United

States were married.

The sociologists have decided

that there are several reasons

for this decreasing marriage

age. They include increased

economic prosperity, the threat

of war and military service, the

imagined man abortion which

encourages girls to marry before

the boys go into the armed

services, the increased emphasis

among film stars and in

magazines on the importance of

marriage and having children.

## Lax Discipline

The school administrators have other explanations for early marriage. They say that it is caused by "lax parental care, discipline, and supervision."

Discussing the reasons for teen-age marriage, only two of the several hundred school principals contributing facts to the University survey mentioned pre-marital pregnancy as a factor.

Because of their uncertainty on just how to handle this problem of marriage in the teenage class room, each school principal seems to have a different attitude towards discipline.

A small minority of them urge their married students to resign from classes.

About half of them ignore the marriage.

The remainder usually "encourage" the married students, especially the girl-wife, to leave school.

Those principals who were outspoken on the problem based their interest on the fact that they considered married students in the class room a problem because the married teenagers "discuss marital sexual experiences with other, unmarried students."

## Not Permitted

Other principals were negative toward teen-age marriages because it resulted in "irregular attendance," which brought the school administrator into conflict with another law.

All teen-age students of California are required to attend school until they are 16 years of age. But another section of Californian law defines married individuals, regardless of age, as adults

## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

South African Business Conditions  
SHOULD REMAIN BUOYANT DURING 1956

Johannesburg, Dec. 20.

Business conditions in South Africa are expected to remain buoyant during 1956, according to the Associated Chambers of Commerce of South Africa in a newsletter to members.

Commenting on investment expenditure, the newsletter says: "Expenditure on capital development—one of the main determinants of the level of business activity—may well take place next year at a reduced rate in many branches of the economy, including the new gold mines and uranium extraction plants.

## WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Dec. 20. Rubber futures today closed 40 to 60 points lower with sales of 217 contracts.

Pre-holiday and year-end evenning-up operations provided the main interest in the trading market.

Dealer intra-switching accounted for about half of the trade. Exchanges included May-March at 340 points; July-May 100 and Sept-May 350 points.

In the spot market, a small business included January threecents at 44 cents; January four cents at 40 cents a pound, landed. Spot No. 1 R.R. wire quoted at 47½ cents, nominal futures.

March 44.40  
May 49.95  
July 50.70  
Sept 50.80  
Dec 50.90

## SINGAPORE

The market opened steady with fair demand for lower grades. In the afternoon, the market sagged with little interest. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. 121½-120  
1-6 120½-121½  
Mar. 121½-122½  
No. 2 rubber per lb. Jan. 123½-124½  
No. 4 rubber per lb. Jan. 116-119½  
Spot rubber unladen 120½-121½  
Blanket crepe 98-100  
No. 1 pale crepe 138-139

## LONDON

The market was quietly steady with spot quoted at 37½ cents per lb. Prices:

No. 1 R.R. spot 37-37½  
Settlement house terms 39½-39½  
Feb. 39½-39½  
Mar. 39½-39½  
Apr. June 39½-39½  
Oct. Dec. 39½-39½  
General markets, cif basis, ports: Jan. 39½-39½  
Feb. 39½-39½  
Blanket crepe thin Jan. 20½-21½  
thick 33½

## AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif January as follows:

No. 1 rubber 3.25 nom.  
No. 2 rubber 3.25 buyers  
No. 3 rubber 3.20  
No. 1 crepe 2.70 nom.  
Blanket crepe 2.60-2.65  
—United Press

## LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Dec. 20. The tin market was steady. Other metals were also steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin 50½ 52½  
Spelter 51½ 52½  
Copper 400 402  
S-mill 394 396  
Lead and zinc 113½ 114  
May 113½ 114  
2½ and half 50½ 50½  
Mar. 50½ 50½  
—United Press

## NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, Dec. 20. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead 100  
Tin 100  
Copper 100  
S-mill 100  
Lead and zinc 100  
May 100  
2½ and half 100  
Mar. 100  
—United Press

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1) 11  
Sterling (per \$1) 11  
Australian pound (per £1) 10½  
Canadian dollar (per £1) 9½  
Dollar (per £1) 9½  
Yen (per £1) 100  
Singapore (dollar) 100

## WORLD COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 20. In one of the slowest sessions of the year, cotton futures today settled back irregularly after a steady start.

At the close the list ruled 22 points lower to one point higher. The market opened off 2 to up 8 points. New Orleans closed off 4 to 22 points.

The certificated cotton stock rose 632 to 18,033 bales.

Traders said the lack of interest reflected the incoming year-end holidays, and the disposition to await the reconvening of Congress in January, when farm legislation is expected to be one of the first orders of business.

Business meanwhile was mostly of professional origin. Routine hedge selling and pre-holiday liquidation was taken up by the brokers who bought March and May against sales of July and later deliveries in the forenoon. Little interest was shown in the new crop months.

With one private estimate running closer to the seven million bale mark, speculators figured on a tightening supply situation hereafter, although skeptics doubted the market's immediate rallying power in view of the surplus disposal programme scheduled to get under way right after the new year.

Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
Dec.	7,000	
Mar.	10,000	420,000
May	12,000	240,300
Oct.	1,000	100,000
Dec.	2,000	120,000
May	200	47,300
May	200	12,000
Total	32,000	1,600,300 bales

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### JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

## A GENTLEMAN OF LEISURE

DENNIS is a young Irishman who seems to have anticipated the advantages promised by automation, such as the four-day working week, and a world left with only one problem to solve—how to find things for people to do with all their spare time.

For Dennis, a working week of four days is a long working week. He prefers to work only three days in each seven. As a casual labourer, each day's work of those three earns him £2 10s. As a bachelor, 22 years old, who makes his home in common lodgings houses, £7 10s. a week is usually sufficient to his needs.

#### LATE-NIGHT SNACK

WITH two friends who no doubt were like him rich in leisure-time, Dennis, late the other night, strolled into a cafe in Kenilworth Town. They called for a menu, and ordered a meal. Dennis's choice was bacon and egg, with bread and butter.

The meat was produced, and the three young men attacked it with gusto. They finished simultaneously. And no sooner had they downed knives and forks than they rose, made for the door of the cafe, and bolted down the street.

The cafe proprietor chased them. Two policemen who were passing joined in the chase. Dennis was caught; the other two got away.

#### CHARGE ALTERED

AT Clerkenwell the next morning Dennis pleaded guilty to obtaining credit by fraud to the tune of 7s 4d.

"Was that the price of bacon and egg, and bread and butter?" asked the magistrate. Mr Frank Powell, in the tone of one whom nothing inflationary could any longer surprise.

"I'll just ask," said the police officer in charge of the case. He had a word with the cafe proprietor, who had come to court to be a witness, if necessary.

"No, sir," the policeman said, when his consultation was over. "This man's share was 1s. 10d."

"The charge-sheet had better be altered," said the magistrate. "Does he save any money?"

"I'll just ask," said the police officer in charge of the case. He had a word with the cafe proprietor, who had come to court to be a witness, if necessary.

"He came here from Elles in 1952, sir," said the officer, "and he does casual work as a labourer, sometimes getting £2 10s. a day, sometimes £3. He tells me he usually works three, sometimes four, days a week."

"That's not bad, is it," said the magistrate. "Does he save any money?"

"No, sir, he tells me he spends most of what he earns on drink."

#### SERVICE CHARGE

"HAS the cafe proprietor suffered any loss, or incurred any expenditure through coming here?" asked the magistrate.

The police officer confided again with the cafe owner. "He says not, sir," he reported.

"What do you want to say?" Mr Powell asked Dennis, who had shown very little interest in the proceedings up to that point and evidently intended to continue that policy. "Nothing to say," he said.

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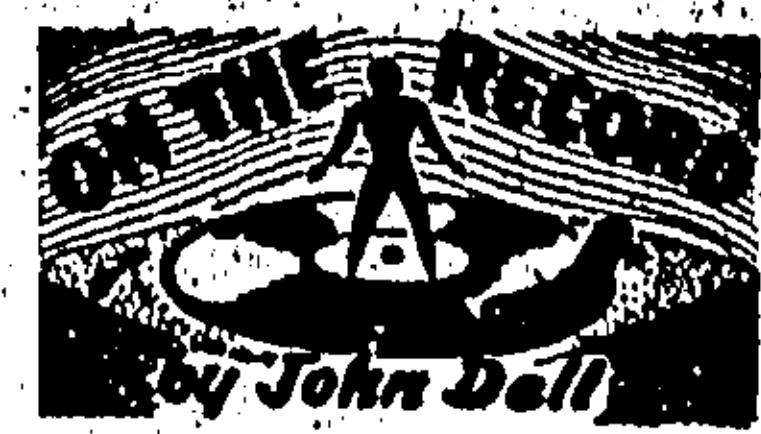
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1955.

SHEAFFER'S

SKILL



## Record "High" For Company

Mr B. W. Bradbury, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Local Printing Press Ltd, announced at the company's annual meeting this morning a record "low" in turnover and profit from the printing department, and a record "high" for the company as a whole — derived from its investments in Hongkong property.

He said:

"Again I have the privilege and pleasure to draw your attention to an all time record shown by the accounts of this Company for the financial year ending June 1955.

"The net profit for the year is \$1,300,000 which together with \$88,000 10 carried forward from last year and \$33,000 00 overprovided for Corporation Profit Tax 1955/56 leaves \$1,331,000 00 available for appropriation.

"Our printing department has again shown less turnover and profit for the year under review but the Dollar Directory is making good headway and is very popular.

"Since our last annual meeting we have purchased another valuable property namely No. 22 Ice House Street. We have tenanted the two lower floors of this property for many years for use by our printing department, and apart from securing these premises for our printing department on a permanent basis, we now plan to modernise the whole building, add a new wing and make the upper floors suitable for offices.

#### EXCELLENT PROGRESS

Our Property department continues to make excellent progress, especially when it is realised that since the last war we have acquired four valuable properties, namely: Printing House, Caxton House, Stanhope House and Baskerville House three of which are situated in the city centre.

Turning to the Balance Sheet you will notice that total Assets of \$7,094,882.07 show an increased value of \$609,007.07 after allowance for appropriate depreciation.

Our subsidiary Ye Olde Printers Ltd has continued to handle a large volume of business and is showing very satisfactory results.

On behalf of shareholders and the Board I wish to thank the Managing Director and staff for the results of the year's working and I'm sure that the usual provision for bonus to staff will have your approval.

The adoption of report and accounts was proposed by the Chairman and Mr Chan Shiu-tsun, seconded by Chan Shiu-tsun.

Mr J. S. C. Neel was re-elected as a Director, and Messrs Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. were re-elected as Auditors.

## US Warships

### "Invade" HK For Christmas

A squadron of 11 United States warships, led by the angled-decked aircraft carrier Bennington, arrived this morning to spend the Christmas holidays in Hongkong.

The Bennington (Capt. P. Foley) flew the flag of Rear-Admiral T. B. Williamson, Commander of Carrier Division 1.

The 38,000-ton carrier is one of 14 ships of the Oriskany Class but recently underwent modernisation including her angled or "canted" deck.

Other ships were the submarine Gudgeon (Commander W. E. Sims), the dock landing ship Tortuga, and the destroyers Rupertus, L. F. Mason, G. K. MacKenzie, H. W. Tucker, O'Brien, Walke, H. E. Hubbard and E. G. Small.

## SAW PARENTS DECAPITATED

Octian, Mexico, Dec. 20. Nine-year-old Juan Diaz told the police today he had terrified behind a chair and watched two men decapitate his sleeping parents with machetes.

He said he was too frightened to scream as his parents were hacked to death. The police were unable to establish a motive for the double murder.

The woman recovered and was ordered to be returned to the

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's the only thing they haven't improved yet—but any day some smart feller will figure out how to build a better snow man!"

## Appeal To Russian Leaders

New York, Dec. 20.

An organisation, calling itself the International Kalmuk Brotherhood, today disclosed that it had sent cables to prime ministers of India and Burma asking them to intercede with the Soviet leaders on behalf of Asian minorities who were "victims of total Soviet genocide."

The cables to Jawaharlal Nehru, of India, and U Nu, of Burma, were sent on Dec. 6 and Dec. 18 while the Soviet leaders, Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev, were touring their countries.

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